

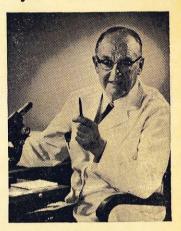


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Mho was this strange man? WAS he an invader from outer space, or was it all just a --





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IN COURT, HE GAVE THE NAME OF NENRY JONES -- AND SINCE HE DIDN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT BEING REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL--

I'M HOLDING YOU FOR A HIGH-ER COURT--AND APPOINTING MR DESMOND HERE, TO SERVE AS YOUR ATTORNEY. I'M--NOT

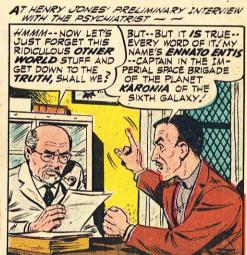


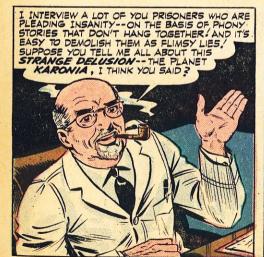














*IT'S A PLANET DIFFERENT FROM YOURS -TRAGICALLY DIFFERENT! HOW I WISH YOU
COULD SEE IT --NOT ROUND, BUT FRIGHTENINGLY JAGGED IN SHAPE! THAT'S FROM THE
EXPLOSIONS WHICH REND IT PERIODICALLY
-- TEARING OFF HUGE SECTIONS!"



PLOSIONS HAVE INCREASED --SO MUCH SO THAT OUR
RULERS KNEW THAT THE END WAS INEVITABLE --I

AGAIN IT HAS HAPPENED! AND WHO KNOWS WHERE
THIS TIME, HALF OF THE AND WHEN THE NEXT
LAROZ DISTRICT HAS
BROKEN AWAY-THANSFORMED INTO A HUGE
TOTAL DESTRUCTION AND
THE END OF
KARONIA.

"MUCH STILL REMAINED OF OUR GREAT CIVILIZATION - "



"IT WAS A MEETING OF THE COMMANDERS OF THE IMPERIAL SPACE BRIGADE - WHO, IN LONG RANGE FLYING SAUCERS, HAD BEEN SENT OUT TO FIND A NEW HOME IN SPACE - SIN



ITS ATMOSPHERE CONTAINS OXYGEN AND ITS CLIMATE IS TEMPERATE -- TESTS INDICATE THAT IT WILL SUPPORT OUR TYPE OF LIFE. THERE IS AMPLE VEGETATION AND ANIMAL LIFE-- INCLUDING A POPULACE PHYSICALLY IDENTICAL TO OUR OWN! YES, EARTH COULD SUSTAIN US--WERE IT NOT FOR ITS PRESENT LARGE POPULATION!



WTHIS WAS MY REPORT -- I, ENNATO ENTIS! MY KNOWLEDGE OF EARTH CAME SOLELY FROM TESTS CONDUCTED AT A DISTANCE -- BUT NOW -- ""

WE ASSIGN YOU TO LAND SECRETLY YOUR WISH IS UPON THE PLANET YOU DESCRIBE -- MY COMMAND! AND BRING US BACK WHAT INFORMATION YOU CAN GATHER ON JIS STRENGTH AND DEFENSES!



"A SUPER-POWERFUL SAUCER WAS PREPARED FOR MY DANGEROUS EXPLOIT - "





SCIENCE CENTURIES AHEAD YOURS --WHICH MADE POSSIBLE POSSIBLE SPACE CRAFT PROPELLED BY A FIELD OF FORCE ENABLING STALLANDS THOUSANDS OF TIMES THAT OF LIGHT ITSELF!"















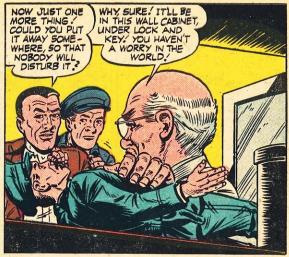












THIS DONE, DR. CARLISLE, PSY— CHIATRIST OF THE STATE ASYLUM, LEFT FOR A MUCH-NEEDED WEEK— END.! UPON HIS RETURN ——



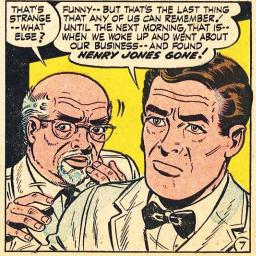
THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW HED ESCAPED - THEY HAD OPENED HIS LOCKED CELL, TO FIND THAT HE HAD VANISHED!



*A FEW OF US WERE JUST SITTING AROUND, TALKING -- WHEN IT HAPPENED! WE WERE OFF DUTY--"













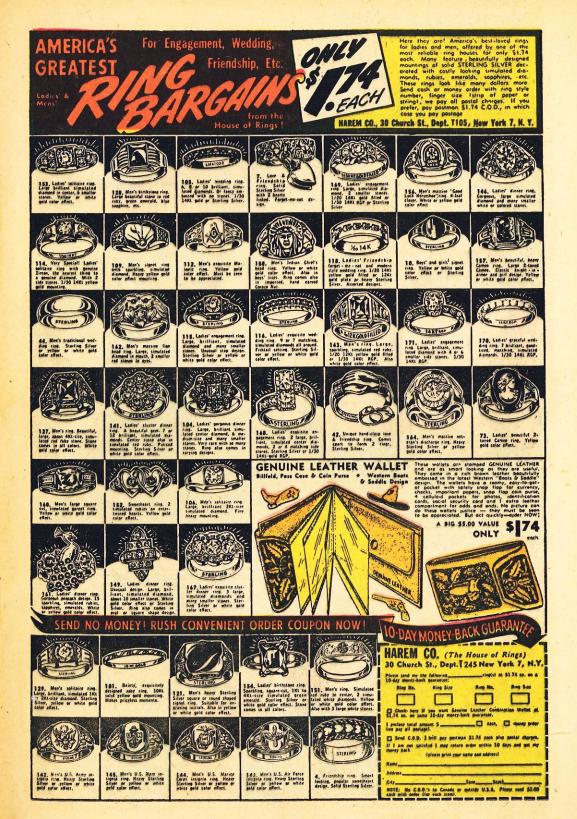








WHILE BACK ON THE IMPERILED PLANET EARTH.



YOU'VE HEARD OF MANY PEOPLE REPUTED TO BE PSYCHIC ... BUT NEVER OF A CASE SO AMAZING AS THAT OF...

THE MUTE MEDIUM!



ARABELLA FINLETTER WAS BORN MUTE.





HOW STRANGE SHE WAS WASN'T TO BE KNOWN UNTIL THAT





THERE'S ---S-SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE B-BRAKES!
THEY'RE NOT HOLDING!

POWN THE STEEP, LONG GRADE ROARED THE PREIGHT TRAIN -- RUNNING WILD!







SOMETHING VERY, VERY STRANGE SEEMED TO BE TRANSPIRING WITHIN HER...



THEN IT MAPPENED! SUDDENLY ARABELLA SAT BOLT UPRIGHT, HER EYES BULGING, HANDS CLUTCHING AT HER THROAT! AND FROM THE MUTE GIRL THERE CAME A VOICE THE FAMILIAR STAMMERING VOICE OF HER IMPERILED FATHER!



HER MOTHER DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF IT --- BUT SHE SENSED THE URGENCY IN THAT WELL-



THE AGENT HAD JUST ENOUGH TIME TO FLAG



THANK

G-GOSH!NOW
WE'LL B-BE ABLE
TO STOP WHEN WE
HIT THE UPGRAPE
INHEAD!

READER. DO YOU BELIEVE IN MEDIUMS? HOW ELSE COULD YOU EXPLAIN ARABELLA FINLETTER AND THE POWER WHICH GAVE A VOICE TO A MUTE GIRL --- A VOICE THAT SAVED THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS!



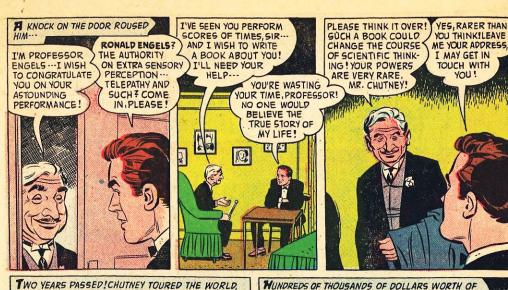
% FABULOUS MISFIT!

IN AN AGE OF PHONIES AND CHARLATANS, THE AMAZING POWERS OF ALEXANDER CHUTNEY WERE SUSPECT! THERE HAD TO BE SOME TRICK TO IT, PEOPLE SAID ... NO MAN COULD SEE THROUGH HEAVY BLINDFOLDS, OR DISTAPPEAR, OR READ MINDS! YET CHUTNEY DID ALL THOSE THINGS ... AND MUCH MORE THE PUBLIC NEVER KNEW ABOUT...



















ENGELS WAS STARTLED --- BUT HE FOUGHT SUCCESSFULLY TO REMAIN CALM! WAS HE IN THE PRESENCE OF A MADMAN?

DON'T BE ALARMED! WHEN YOU'VE HEARD MY STORY. I'M SURE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY THERE'S NO OTHER SOLUTION FOR ME!



"I WEIGHED LESS THAN THREE POUNDS AT BIRTH," THE TALE BEGAN," DOCTORS DOUBTED THAT I COULD LIVE ---"

I DON'T THINK THE INCUBATOR WILL SAVE HIM! THE CHILD IS SO FEEBLE IT CAN BARELY























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FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS MY MIND WAS A BLANK, I HAD NO AMARENESS OF ANYTHING! BUT WHEN MY SENSES RETURNED...



FOR THE FIRST TIME, PROFESSOR ENGELS

TELEPORTATION ?:
YOU MEAN YOU CAN
GO FROM ONE PLACE
TO ANOTHER SIMPLY
BY WILLING IT?
PARIS WITHIN
SECOND'S! IN
FACT, THAT MIGHT
BE AN INTERESTING
PEMONSTRATION!



















I KNOW BUT YOU'RE A MAN OF COURAGE! I'M REAPY TO FLIP THE SWITCHES! BY THE WAY, I'LL GET OUT OF HERE IN 10,000 YEARS BY USING MY POWERS OF TELEPORTATION!











There's been a great increase in our mail lately. Seems as though the fact that we've doubled the space that we're according to the letters of our fans and critics has interested all you readers and encouraged you to express your opinions on the contents of "Adventures Into The Unknown". Which is simply fine! We want you to send in your letter, please! Address it to the Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown", 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N: Y. We'll print it if space allows—just as we're printing the following mail!

"Dear Editor:-

I think 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is one of the best fiction magazines in the world. In issue No. 89, I thought that 'Ship Without A Helmsman' was excellent. 'Prisoner Of The Prism' was not up to your usual par. In No. 90, 'The Old Bunch' was fairly good, but 'Between Two Worlds' was too run of the mill. 'The Man Who Couldn't Sleep' was fantastic. Other stories I have 'Iked were 'Professor Kincaid's Theory', 'The Strangeness of Mr. McGillicuddy' and 'Pipe Dream'. You have done very good work with science fiction stories. Congratulations!

—Richard Feitell, Brooklyn, N. Y."
Orchids to Richard, who knows a good story
when he reads one! We know when we've
done an outstanding job—but we know just
as well when we lay an egg. Critically
speaking, we're with this reader all the
way. He's unerringly picked the strong
plots and pinpointed the weak.

"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished reading the February issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. All the stories were just great, especially 'Pipe Dream'. There's just one thing more I want to say—I wish people who like to criticize your wonderful magazine would keep it to themselves. Keep up the good work!

—Terry Lee, New York, N.Y." Wrong, Terry. If anybody wants to criticize this book, let them stand right up and sound off—because if they're right, they can help to make this a better magazine. Of course, we don't agree with all our critics—see the next letter and you'll know what we mean!

"Dear Editor:-

I'll come right out with it—your magazine stinks. I'll bet all the letters on your letter page are fakes, except for the knocks. Your covers are the most misleading on any comic. Can't you come out with better trash than 'Unknown Atoll' and 'Wash-Out' in your February issue? I don't know why I wrote this—it's just a waste of paper!
—Roger (Disgusted) Garris, Elizabeth, N.J."

Well, Roger Disgusted! This is a free country, so you've got every right to dislike what you want-but must you be so unpleasant about it? You've singled out two small, minor stories in that issue. Many people liked "Unknown Atoll", but you're privileged not to. We weren't too sold on "Washout" ourselves. But how come you don't even mention the important stories in this issue? "Pipe Dream", for instance, which many readers have hailed as the best story in years. Strangely, you have nothing to say about that one, and no comment about "The Long, Long Sleep", another general favorite. Now, about misleading covers—you might have something there. It all depends on which school you belong to-many people prefer for us to carry covers which do not exactly reproduce what's in the story. What do you other readers think?

"Dear Editor:-

Your expanded 'Let's Talk It Over' column is a great idea for 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. In your February issue, I think 'Pipe Dream' is the best story by far. On the cover pictures, I think you have an excellent idea in using material different from the story. I think you should use one series story in your magazine—a continued story; something like a merchant mariner in interstellar space. One thing more, you should have more stories of the future in your book. A devoted reader,

—Leslie Stern, St. Louis Park, Minn."

Thanks for your opinions, Leslie—we're glad that you don't seem to agree with Roger Disgusted, up above. We've taken careful note of your suggestion concerning a continued story, and if a good one comes our way, we'll most definitely include it. Stories of the future? We've got no objection, as long as they're thrilling and imaginative!

"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished reading your February issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. and I think it's the best one yet. I don't know which of your writers wrote 'Unknown Atoll', but in my opinion, he should be promoted. I've been a fan of yours for years. and will be for many years to come, but there's just one thing that puzzles me. In your 'Let's Talk It Over' feature every month, there are always those one or two uncomplimentary letters you print. What I can't understand is-if all those characters don't like your magazine, why do they read it? Just one more thing-besides your 10c issue of A.I.T.U., I think it would be a good idea to have a 25c annual every year. Thanks for reading this long letter, but I just had to say what was on my mind. Keep up the good work! A fan for life,

-Kenneth Miller, Bronx, N. Y."

That's life, we guess—some people loving stories that others hate to pieces! Kenneth, we can understand how a certain story or policy of ours can rub a reader the wrong way, in which case he's perfectly justified in opening up his mouth and roaring. We welcome that—we only object to bad manners and insults.

"Dear Editor:-

I think 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is the most interesting comic I have ever read. True, it tells of things that seem impossible, but it tells them with such vivid imagination that they enter the world of exciting reality.

-Bernard Ruziewicz, New York, N. Y."

If we can do that, we're fulfilling our most cherished ambition. Here's hoping we keep it up!

"Dear Editor:-

Just read my first copy of your magazine, and it's going to be the last, too. 'Let's Talk It Over' is full of compliments, and I guess that's the only kind you select to print. Well, I'm no wise guy, but I want to have my say, too, even if it gets no further than your desk. All I have to do is read the first page of any of your stories, and I know exactly how it's going to turn out. So I can't enjoy your book!

-Edwin Selinger, San Francisco, Calif."

People like you make it hard for themselves, Edwin. They pick up a mystery novel and tell you who the guilty party is before the story's hardly launched. They go to the movies, point to the butler, and say "That's the guy!" Actually, what you probably did was guess the outcome of just one story in the book and then jump to the conclusion that you knew them all. Why don't you give yourself a chance? You'll have yourself some good reading and be a lot happier that way!

"Dear Editor:-

If you make any New Year's resolutions, they should be only to edit and think up more of the same wonderful stories that sparkled through every issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' during the past year.

-Micheline Ruttenberg, Waco, Texas."

Why, Micheline—thanks! That's as nicelyworded a tribute as ever gladdened the heart of an editor! And we'll try our durnedest to follow your fine suggestion!

"Dear Editor:-

Your books are read by me and my whole family, including my husband. We all find them to be very enjoyable, and far decenter than things you see on TV. I shall always purchase 'Adventures Into The Unknown' whenever and wherever I can. A faithful reader.

-Mrs. Vivian McCowan, Chicago, Ill."

We've discovered that high standards increase a magazine's sales, rather than the opposite. Fascinating, thrilling fiction, that's the formula—rather than cheap nonsense!

"Dear Editor:-

'Adventures Into The Unknown' is the best among my 227 comics. Your three best stories were 'I Keep Dreaming of Grandpa', 'The Man Within' and 'Beware The Ides of March'. But your cover work is not so hot—otherwise everything is okay!

-Frank Lagana, Brooklyn, N. Y."

Those were good stories, Frank. But what's your objection to our covers?

"Dear Editor:-

Never have I read a magazine that I enjoyed as much as the December issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. It was absolutely wonderful. 'Doom Foiled', 'The Anyweight Champion', 'Remote Control' and 'Puzzle of The Ring' were fine, but I enjoyed 'Higher Power' the most. Surely the greatest spirit in the world was guiding that plane!

-Lillie McCormick, Batesburg, S. C."

Good to hear from you, Lillie, and to know the kind of plots that appeal to you. Bet you're not the type that goes for science fiction, though. Are we right?



WET LOOK AT THESE BILLS YOU'VE RUN UP --- COATS, DRESSES, EVENING GOWNS MADE OF MONEY!

DON'T FORGET MY POSITION IN LIFE! I'VE GOT TO LOOK MY BEST AT ALL TIMES --- AFTER ALL, THE BEST IS NONE TOO GOOD FOR ME!

AS USUAL, HE FOUND HER VANITY MADDENING ...



THERE'S GOING TO BE A NEW ORDER AROUND HERE! WE CAN'T AFFORD THE SERVANTS ANY LONGER! THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU CAN'T DO SOME COOKING AND CLEANING ... HAVEN'T GOT YOUR

HEALTH ...

HOW DARE YOU MAKE

WELL, I'M WILLING TO! I'VE DISCHARGED THE FURNACE MAN --- I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE HEAT MYSELF!

THAT'S A LAUGH! ONLY JOE KNEW HOW TO KEEP THE COAL GAS DOWN IN THAT OLD FURNACE ... YOU'LL KILL US, YOU AND YOUR

STUPID ECONOMY!

IN ANGER ... I'VE REALIZED IT FOR A LONG TIME, PEG. OUR MARRIAGE WAS A MISTAKE!

FAR INTO THE NIGHT THEY ARGUED BITTERLY... TILL FINALLY, ANTHONY EXPLODED

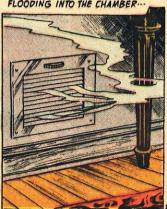
KNOW IT TOO! THEN
PERHAPS WE'D BETTER
START THINKING
ABOUT SEPARATINE!



HE TENDED THE FURNACE AND THEY RETIRED ... IN BITTERNESS ...



Then CAME TROUBLED SLEEP! NEITHER KNEW THAT FROM THE VENT, DEADLY COAL GAS WAS FLOODING INTO THE CHAMBER



COAL GAS ... THE SILENT



HIS BRAIN WAS IN A DIZIY WHIRL...
BUT HE SEEMED TO RECOLLECT
RISING, STAGGERING TOWARDS
THE CLOSED DOOR...

GOT TO...GET DOWNSTAIRS
...OPEN THE DAMPER ON THE
FURNACE...BEFORE WE'RE
OVERCOME...

HE STEPPED INTO THE HALL... LOOKED DOWN AT HIMSELF...AND RECOILED IN SHEER AMAZEMENT!



WONDERINGLY HE DESCENDED, HIS THOUGHTS A TURMOIL! BELOW, A GAY GROUP AWAITED -- SIMILARLY ATTIPED.--

ATTIRED...

IT'S ABOUT TIME
YOU CAME DOWN,
ANTHONY BRIDEGROOM-TO-BE!
YOUR FIANCEE'S SHIP
DOCKED FROM ENGLAND
EARLY THIS MORNING...
AND HER COACH IS DUE
HERE AT ANY
TAMOMENT!

FIANCÉE!

THE TALK CONTINUED GAILY ABOUT HIM ... REFERRING TO THE LADY MARGUERITE'S BEAUTY AND NOBILITY... HOW ANTHONY HAD BEEN BETROTHED TO HER EVER SINCE THEY WERE CHILDREN... AND NOW HE WAS SEEING HER FOR THE FIRST TIME...



THEN MAYBE I'VE GOT TO LIVE MY ANCESTOR'S LIFE OUT! I'M LUCKY TO HAVE BECOME ANOTHER MAN ... BECAUSE MAYBE NOW THERE CAN BE TRUE LOVE FOR ME! I'VE ESCAPED FROM PEG!

HIS HEART BEATING FAST, HE WENT OUTSIDE TO WELCOME HIS NEW BRIDE!



BUT HE RALLIED, KNOWING THAT THIS COULDN'T BE HIS WIFE ...



SO ANTHONY EXTENDED HIMSELF TO BE AS AGREEABLE AS POSSIBLE! HE FOUND MARGUERITE CHARMING

PO YOU KNOW HOW WONDERFUL YOU ARE TO BE WITH?

DO YOU KNOW HOW HOW WONDERFUL YOU ARE TO BE WITH?

POU BRING OUT A GIRL'S BEST SIPE!

SOMETIMES HE WAS ABLE TO STAND OFF, RECOLLECTING PEG EVEN AS HE GAZED AT MARGUERITE...

HOW CAN A MAN FALL IN LOVE WITH THE

SAME WOMAN HE WATES ? EXCEPT THAT
I'M A DIFFERENT MAN. I GUESS --- AND
SHE GURE IS A DIFFERENT GIRL!

AS THE DAYS PASSED, HE FOUND HIMSELF GROWING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO HER...



BUT AS THEIR WEDDING DATE DREW CLOSE, HE FOUND THAT LADY MARGUERITE AND PEG WERENT SO DIFFERENT, AFTER ALL!



THERE WERE OTHER THINGS,TOO!
FOR MARGUERITE HAD BEEN MAKING
PURCHASES FOR THE HOUSEHOLD
THEY WERE TO SHARE...

YOU MEAN YOU BOUGHT THIS CLOTH OF GOLD, MY DEAR & BUT THE PRICE ... IT'S EXORBITANT! I CAN HARDLY AFFORD SUCH AN EXPENDITURE...



HE FORGAVE HER, FOR HE'D GROWN TO CARE GREATLY FOR HER! BUT "THERE WERE MANY EPISODES WHICH FROZE HIS HEART WITHIN HIM...

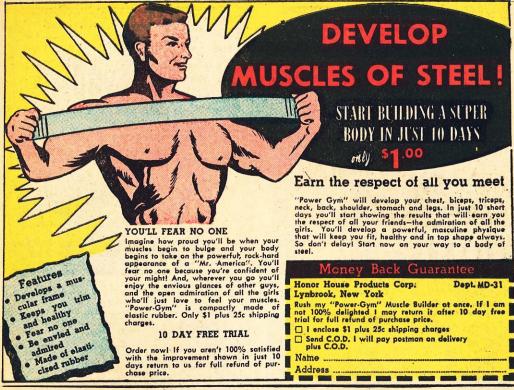
AM I NOT BEAUTIFUL, DARLING?

IT'S A PITY YOU DON'T HAVE HAIRDRESSERS IN THIS CRUDE COUNTRY
THAT CAN DO ME JUSTICE ... I'LL
HAVE TO IMPORT A SPECIAL ONE
FOR MYSELF FROM
ENGLAND!
THAT
VANITY...
JUST LIKE
PEG'5...

WITH EACH HOUR THAT PASSED, THE SIMILARITY BECAME CLEARER...



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BUT THEY'D BEEN ENGAGED FOR YEARS...AND HE WAS TOO MUCH OF A GENTLEMAN TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT! IT WASN'T UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE WEDDING THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED WHICH CHANGED ALL THAT...

I CAN TELL YOU NOW, ANTHONY YOU'RE TAKING YOU'R LAST LOOK AT OWEN MANOR! YOU'VE GOT TO BUILD ME A LARGER AND WEALTHIER HOME!

WHAT SORT OF MONSENSE
ARE YOU TALKING MARGUERITES
WHAT'S WRONG WITH OWEN
MANOR?

YOU FORGET THAT I COME OF NOBLE BIRTH! I'M ACCUSTOMED TO FINER THINGS---TO CASTLES!

THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!
NOW I'M GOING TO BE A MAN
ABOUT IT, AND DO WHAT I SHOULD
HAVE HOUSE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND! OUR MARRIAGE





THE ASSEMBLED WEDDING GUESTS WERE SHOCKED AS SHE DEPARTED...HER EYES SEARCHING FORLORNLY



IT WAS ALREADY NIGHT! WITHIN HIS CHAMBER, HE TOOK A SLEEPING DRAUGHT, FELL INTO EXHAUSTED, RESTLESS SLUMBER...







MEANWHILE ... LADY MARGUERITE'S COACH HAD BEEN DELAYED BY A BROKEN WHEEL...





SHE RODE BACK WITH THE SPEED











YES, HE WAS STILL ALIVE ... HAZILY, HE SAW HER ANXIOUS FACE ABOVE HIM, HEARD WORDS OF LOVE THAT MADE



NOW HIS EYES OPENED AGAIN GOOD, SHE WAS STILL THERE, STILL BENDING OVER HIM AS BEFORE! BUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED? HER CLOTHES WERE DIFFERENT SO WAS THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY. Then his vision blurred as his senses slipped away ... But the memory of her loyeliness kept revolving in his consciousness...



NOW MEMORY AND AWARENESS FLOODED BACK TO HIM! WHY, THIS WAS 1958... AND THE 1874 CENTURY LADY MARGUERITE HAD BEEN BUT A DREAM! THIS WAS PEG...HIS WIFE...



THAT...THAT COAL GAS MUST HAVE YOU ...YOU GOTTEN ME! I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR TAKING IT HARD...YOU DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE YOUR MEAL TICKET, PIP YOU?



THAT WAS A PRETTY ROTTEN THING YOU DID TO HER, MR. OWEN ... CONSIDERING WHAT SHE'D JUST DONE FOR YOU!



SHE STRUGGLED AWAKE IN THAT GAS-FILLED ROOM... AND FOUND YOU LYING ON THE FLOOR UNCONSCIOUS! SHE WAS SO WEAK THAT SHE COULD SCARCELY SAVE HER OWN LIFE... BUT SHE RISKED DEATH TO DRAG YOU





THERE WAS JUST TIME TO CATCH HER IN THE HALL-











IT WAS A FUNNY THING, TOO, BECAUSE
I'D BEEN DREAMING ABOUT SAVING
YOU FROM A FIRE HUNDREDS OF
YEARS AGO! AND WHEN I WOKE
UP...MY ARMS WERE
BURNED!

The END!

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